



Wheelbase Spring Classic Cycle Sportive

Wheelbase, Mill Yard, Staveley, LA8 9LR

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Have a great day, ride safely and we look forwards to seeing you all at the finish!!

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The Wheelbase Spring Classic Cycle Sportive

Thank you for entering the Wheelbase Spring Classic Cycle Sportive, the event starts from Wheelbase, Mill Yard, Staveley, LA8 9LR. Registration is open from 8:00am and cycle starts are from 9:00-10:00am.

Section 1: The morning of the event

Car Parking

Free parking is provided in the field. Please note that parking is not permitted in the residential areas or in the yard area. The event relies on the cooperation of the local residents and without them this event will not be able to take place.

Section 2: Accommodation

The event starts in Staveley, for details of accommodation and what to do in Staveley, please go to <https://www.golakes.co.uk/>

Section 3: Registration – Open at 08:00am

At registration you will collect a wrist band which must be displayed at the food stop for refreshments. There are an increasing number of people riding Sportives who have not officially entered but turn up to follow the route. We discourage this as it generates further congestion on the roads and people take food and other refreshments at the feed stops which reduces availability for official entrants.

You will also collect a timing chip which must be attached to your bicycle to record your finish time for the event. The timing chip must be handed in at the end of the event, please note that there is a £45 charge for any lost timing chips on the day.

Fastening of Electronic Timing Chip

Collect both a strap and your allocated timing chip. Pull the rest of the velcro away from the red band and thread the chip with the number facing outwards. Make sure you secure in place with the small piece of Velcro. Attach to left ankle and keep this on for the duration of the event.



Section 4: The start

The starts are 9:00am - 10:00am and there will be a maximum of 20 riders every 2 minutes to prevent excessively large groups forming. **For safety reasons, the timings for this event will stop at 5:00pm.** If you anticipate taking 7 hours or more, you must therefore start at 9:00am or earlier to reach the finish by 4:00pm. If you start later than 9am and take longer than 7 hours to complete the course you will not receive an official finish time. If you are a slow rider, be responsible and start early, likewise, if you are a quicker rider, start later.

Riders will line up and will pass under the start gantry on the school premises. The first 20 riders will be asked to enter the start pen and once they have started, the next group of 20 will be allowed to enter the start pen to follow at 2 minute intervals. As you leave the start pen you will ride across a timing mat which starts your timing for the day. At the finish you will ride across the finish mat and this will end your time for the day. There is no 'split time' or official sign in at the food stop. The finish line will be same location as the start.

As you ride across the finish mat to end your ride, note that the timing chip must be handed to the finish team. There is a £45 charge for any lost timing chips on the day due to riders failing to hand them in.

Section 5: Finding your way

The course will be marked with fluorescent 'cycle route' signs and specific epic events signs, examples of these will be present at registration. It is your responsibility to look for the signs. **You MUST carry a route card which includes instructions and emergency contact numbers (please print and bring with you – available from event web page)** in case you get lost or someone steals the signs (happens regularly). On the website in addition to the route card we also have a map which you can view and download into your GPS system.



Section 5.1 Long and Short Routes

There are 2 routes, the 56 miles and the 34 miles.

Long Course: <https://www.strava.com/routes/11096106>

Short Course: <https://www.strava.com/routes/11190623>

Section 6: The rules on the road

On the road please ride no wider than pairs and change to single file when necessary to allow traffic to pass. This event is not a race, it is a social cycling challenge and you should approach it in this manner. You must follow the rules of the road and any dangerous or reckless cycling will not be tolerated, anyone endangering other participants or road users is not welcome at any of our events.

It is compulsory to carry a mobile phone, all spares and necessary repairs for your bicycle in addition to sufficient food and drink. Please note that the sweeper van for this event is only for serious mechanical failures. If you have a simple mechanical failure you should have all the necessary tools to repair your bicycle, alternatively you should carry a mobile phone and money to arrange a taxi back to the start/finish area. The same applies for those who decide that they have 'ridden far enough' and no longer wish to continue. If you feel that this distance is too far and you have any doubts regarding your ability to complete it, you should not start as it would be unsafe to do so.

In the case of an emergency (should you witness an accident), the organisers phone number is on the route card (another reason why this must be carried). You should initially contact the emergency services and then the race organisers.

It is required that all competitors wear hard shell helmets for all our sportive events. The course is

challenging and there are many descents and sharp bends so be aware and ride safely at all times. If you have any known medical illness or injury which you think may affect your participation in this event, you should seek medical advice before attending.



Epic Events 'Maillot Jaune' Support

There will be support riders on the course, starting at regular intervals throughout the morning. The support riders will carry a stock of spares, tools and first aid equipment.

Look for the yellow jerseys with 'Epic Events Support' written on the back and stop them if you need them!

What happens if there is bad weather?

If required due to bad weather, we will change the route as appropriate to ensure that the event goes ahead on the day. If the weather is so bad that we feel it necessary to cancel the event, an alternative date will be arranged and competitor entries can be either transferred to the new date or transferred to the next event.

If the weather forecast is very poor in the week approaching the event, we will update all competitors via email prior to the event. The latest news will also be displayed on the Wheelbase Spring Classic Cycle Sportive Facebook Event Page in the days approaching the event. Please note that unless you are informed by the organisers that the event is postponed, the event is taking place.

Section 7: Danger on the route

The route takes place on public roads which are always open to traffic. You must follow the highway code, stop at traffic lights and junctions and make sure it is safe to proceed. Never ride more than 2 abreast and be wary of blind bends on winding roads. You must control your speed and cover your brakes on all descents. Please keep your eyes peeled for potholes on the route and it's your responsibility to ride responsibly throughout.

Section 8: Refreshments

The refreshment stop will be at Sedbergh which is 24 miles into the course. There will be a selection of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits. The cost for these has been included in your entry fee. Please do not leave your bike unattended on the main road.

Section 9: Littering the course

There is no sweeper on the route to clean up litter dropped by riders. If you use gels and energy bars on your ride, it's not acceptable to drop them on the road and expect others to clean them up. Put the wrappers in your back pocket, don't drop them!!

Section 10: The finish line

At the finish you must ride across the mat to record a finish time for the event as this also informs us that you are home safely.

Section 11: Results & Photos

A full list of times will be available on Sunday night following the event and will be posted on the Epic Events website. Please remember that we provide the results as a reference of personal performance, the event is not a race and should not be treated in this manner. Times will be listed in alphabetical order by surname, not by fastest time.

All photographs will be available from our Facebook page within 48 hours of the event finish.

Section 12: Strava

We have two Strava sections across the course this year with fantastic prizes to be won.

The two sections will be posted on the Facebook Event Page in the build up to the event.

NOTE – You must be a member of the Epic Events Strava Club and you must ensure your race stats are uploaded no later than **12pm Monday afternoon** following the event.

On Monday afternoon we will collate the results from all club members who raced and announce the winners via Strava, the Epic Events Facebook page and Twitter.

You have to be in it to win it so get setting up your Strava accounts and come and join the Epic Events Club.

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